

Special points of interest:

• Sunday, Mar. 7

8:30—Worship
9:45—Sunday School
9:45—Presbyterian 101
11:00—Worship
12:00—Youth Mission Trip Meeting
4:15—Children's Choir
5:00—Officer Exam
6:15—Youth Groups

• Tuesday, Mar. 9

9:00—Disciple II
4:00—Disciple I

• Wednesday, Mar. 10

10:00—Program Staff
11:00—Church Staff
12:00—Mid-Day Prayer
3:00—Knitting 4 Peace
3:30—Grief Group
6:00—Providence House Graduation
6:00—Session Ministries

• Thursday, Mar. 11

9:00—Choir Rehearsal
11:45—Lectio Divina
3:00—Knitting
6:00—U of FPC—Elizabeth I
7:00—Choir Rehearsal

• Sunday, Mar. 14

8:30—Worship
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
4:15—Children's Choir
6:15—Youth Groups

• Tuesday, Mar. 16

9:00—Disciple II
4:00—Disciple I
5:30—Young Adult Bible Study

• Wednesday, Mar. 17

10:00—Program Staff
11:00—Church Staff
12:00—Mid-Day Prayer
3:30—Grief Group
5:15—Supper
6:00—Informational Meeting on the Construction Project
7:00—Deacons

• Thursday, Mar. 18

9:00—Choir Rehearsal
11:45—Lectio Divina
1:00—LINK Fold
6:00—U of FPC—Elizabeth I
7:00—Choir Rehearsal

• Friday, Mar. 19

12:00—LINK Deadline

• Sunday, Mar. 21

8:30—Worship
9:45—Sunday School
9:45—Text This Week
11:00—Worship
Ordination and Installation of Officers
12:00—Congregation Lunch
4:15—Children's Choir
6:15—Youth Groups

The LINK



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Members of First Presbyterian,

February 21, 2010, your session voted to approve the final scope of the Fulfilling the Vision project. These are exciting times for our church, and the session wants to keep you fully informed of what our plans are.

To that end, the session is hosting an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 17th, at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Supper will precede the meeting, but with a maximum of 50 people.

Please contact Susan Whaley to make your reservation for the meal (222.0604; whaley@fpcshreveport.com).

I hope you will come to hear about this project you have so generously supported!

God is good. All the time.

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New to Our Staff—Communications Director

Welcome, Ginger!

On Tuesday, March 9, we will welcome a new member of our staff. Ginger Collier will be our new Communications Director. She will

work 30 hours a week, and be responsible for our internal and external communication.

Ginger is originally from south Louisiana, and has a degree in marketing and

communication. She and her husband have two children. Please say “hi” when you see her around the church. Her office will be on the first floor, next to L-6.

D. Thomason Grant Recipients for 2009

Sunday, February 28, 2010, the D. Thomason Grant recipients were invited to attend the 11:00 worship service. Grants were awarded to the following:

Donna Scott	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Jill Burda	Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries
Martha Marak and Ray Bragg	Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana
Mary Jo Oliver and Susan Turbeville	Haiti Education Foundation
Dr. Norann Planchock	Martin Luther King Health Center
Rev. Dr. Pete Peery	Montreat Conference Center
Ben Land	Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly
Rebecca Mayfield	Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services
Paige Metzgar and Tim Quinn	Samaritan Counseling Center
Rev. Lindsey Wells Peery	VOA-Highland Child Development Center
Joe D. Duke and Susan Stafford	Volunteers for Youth Justice



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FYI
The Senior Adults (SAM) will **NOT** meet in the month of March. Watch for announcements about future meetings.

SUNDAY OFFICE WORKERS NEEDED!

On Sundays, 9:30-12:00 noon someone needs to be in the church office to answer phone calls, etc.

Ruth Booker has been doing this job faithfully for quite some time, and all alone since the death of Jane Newberry, who shared the duty with her.

Ruth needs help! We need enough volunteers to take on this task so that a rotating group can be set up, and each person would only work once a month.

Please call the church office (222-0604) if you are interested in this opportunity!



Young Adults at Noel Methodist Food Pantry

Each **THIRD SATURDAY** of the month we gather volunteers and head to the Noel United Methodist Food Pantry from 12-2 PM. The job is simple- we bag groceries, stock shelves, fill ziplock bags with rice and cornmeal, greet guests, and well, just about anything they need us to do we do! This is a great activity for kids and adults. Look ahead at your calendar and find a time to join us! **Our next opportunity is Saturday, March 20.** Please contact Ces McLelland (frlondon2@aol.com) or Sarah Cooper Searight (ssearight@fpcshreveport.com) if you are interested in checking it out!

Church Family Album

NEW MEMBERS

We Welcome . . .

Barbara Moore Colvin



by transfer of letter from Benton United Methodist Church, Benton, Louisiana, February 14, 2010.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to . . .

Anne and Oliver Jenkins on the birth of their daughter, Frances North, February 23, 2010.

BAPTISM

Ryan James Cowen, February 28, 2010 Ryan is the son of Rebecca Mayfield and brother of Andrew Mayfield.

DEATHS

We express sincere sympathy to . . .
The family and friends of Margaret Dean "Peggy Dean" St. Martin who died January 31, 2010.

The family and friends of former FPC member, Mona Amiee Whatley, of St. Simons Island, Georgia, who died February 3, 2010.

Mike Hardison and family in the death of his mother, Mary Aline Cathey "Nena" Hardison, of Shreveport, February 7, 2010.

Charles Trichel and family in the death of his sister, Sarah Catherine Trichel, February 20, 2010.

Holly Watson and family in the death of her brother, Rob Smith, of Gulfport, Louisiana, February 24, 2010.

Eugene Musgrave and family in the death of his wife, Fay Chandler Musgrave, February 25, 2010.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Davis Gallagher, son of Kimberly Head and Patrick Gallagher, is selling ribbons to help raise money for the Haitian people. Davis Gallagher's 4th grade teacher took a week off from school to go on a mission trip to Haiti. While she was there the earthquake devastated the country. After hearing his teacher share about the destruction and despair of Haiti he was moved to action. He used his Christmas money to buy ribbon and pins, and with his mom's help—he made almost 300 ribbons to give to his friends at school and church. The money donated for these ribbons was given to the orphanages in Haiti through the First United Methodist Church of Shreveport. To date, Davis has raised \$520.10. He attends A. C. Steere Elementary School.

FPC member, Jasmine Field, extends an invitation to her solo art showing:



Elective Sunday

School Class

March 7, 14, 21

*The Core of Christian
Theology: the Sacrifice
of the Suffering Servant*

Leader:

Dr. Mary Ann Shaw

Room L-6

Parents and Youth!

There will be a mission trip meeting on Sunday, March 7th, 2010.

Get the latest scoop on our upcoming summer high school mission trip to Philadelphia, PA.

The meeting will be held in room C 18-20 in the Christian Education Building immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Lunch will be provided.

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 For more information about One Great Hour of Sharing, check the OGH's Web site, www.ogho.org/oghs, or call the Office of Special Offerings toll free (800) 728-7224, ext. 2180 or 2181.

For more than 50 years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter; those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development.

The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half-century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

Allocation of gifts

After deducting administrative costs (up to 5 percent) and the costs of creating and distributing promotional materials (roughly 5 percent), the remaining undesignated gifts are divided among three programs as follows:

Presbyterian Hunger Program (36 PERCENT)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32 PERCENT)

Self-Development of People (32 PERCENT)

**THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING
WILL BE RECEIVED EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010 .**